

1	2	3
35.	Pakur	48
36.	Purnia	186
37.	Kishanganj	73
38.	Araria	129
39.	Katihar	153
40.	Saharsa	136
41.	Madhopura	110
42.	Supaul	41
43.	Samastipur	208
44.	Darbhanga	260
45.	Madhubani	304
46.	Sitamarhi	63
47.	Shivhar	67
48.	West Champaran	285
49.	East Champaran	296
50.	Muzaffarpur	247
51.	Vaishali	98
52.	Sagan	257
53.	Siwan	198
54.	Gopalganj	146
55.	Patna	287
Total		8398

#### **Extension of Telephone Services in Metro Cities**

5279. SHRI NITISH KUMAR:

PROF. PREM SINGH CHANDUMAJRA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had prepared a plan for extension of telephone services in the metropolitan cities during the Eighth Five Year;

(b) if so, the details of the telephone services provided during the 8th Plan, metro-wise;

(c) whether any target was also fixed for providing telephone services in these metropolitan cities;

(d) if so, the details thereof, metro-wise;

(e) whether it has been achieved; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) to (f) No separate plan had been prepared for metropolitan cities during the Eighth Plan.

However, a target of providing 75 Lakh telephone connections in the country, including 19.2 lakhs by the MTNLS of Mumbai and Delhi, was set in the Eighth Five Year Plan.

Details of telephone connections provided during Eighth Plan metro-wise is given below;

Metro city	No. of connections provided from 1992-97
Delhi	7.65 Lakhs
Mumbai	8.51 Lakhs
Calcutta	2.46 Lakhs
Chennai	2.36 Lakhs

As against a target of providing 75 Lakh lines in the country, the achievement was 87.73 Lakhs lines. However, the target of 19.2 lakhs lines for the MTNLS could not be fully achieved due to declining demand for telephones in Mumbai and Delhi.

#### **Loss of Foreign Exchange**

5280. SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY:

SHRIMATI PURNIMA VERMA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether loss of foreign exchange is being suffered due to non-availability of necessary tourism facilities in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether the Union Government propose to develop necessary tourism facilities and places of tourist interests in these States; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA): (a) The foreign exchange earning from Tourism during 1996 increased by 16.5% over the previous year.

(b) and (c) The identification of tourist spots and its development is primarily the responsibility of State Governments. The Central Department of Tourism provides financial assistance to State/Union Territory Governments on the basis of specific proposals received from them, on inter-ee priorities and availability of funds. During 1996-97, the Department of Tourism has sanctioned 14 projects amounting to Rs. 237.78 lakhs to Uttar Pradesh and 4 projects amounting to Rs. 41 lakhs to Bihar for the development of tourist infrastructure. In addition, for the developments of infrastructure in Buddhist Circuit covering Uttar Pradesh and Bihar. Overseas Economic Co-operation Fund (OECF) has provided assistance to the tune of approx. Rs. 249 crores.